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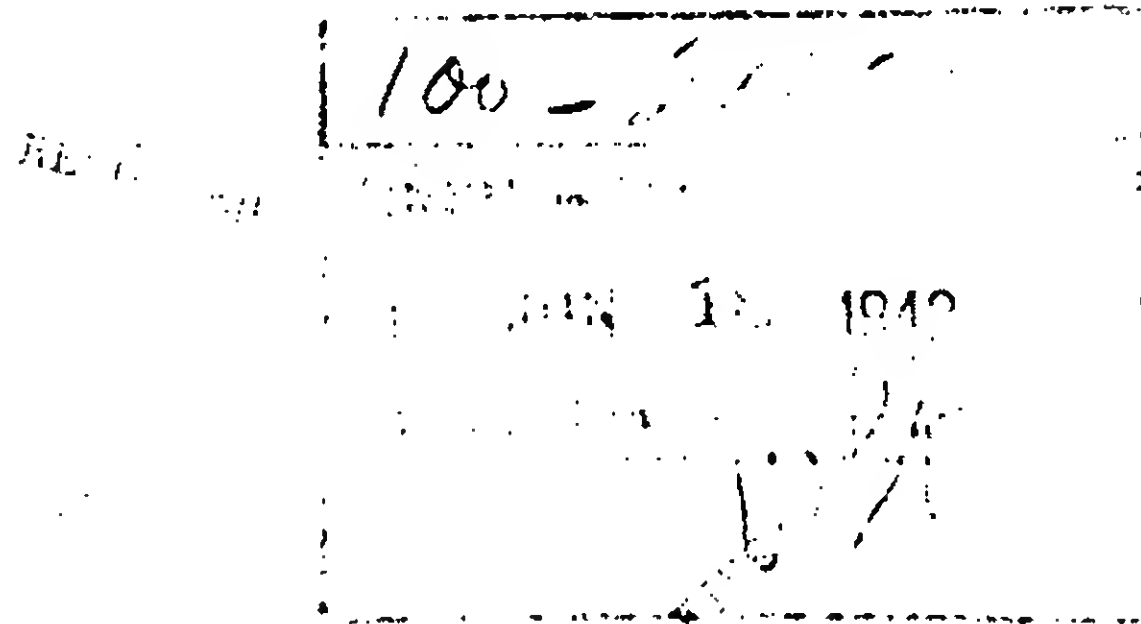
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LADD

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MUMFORD

RE: VITO MARCANTONIO

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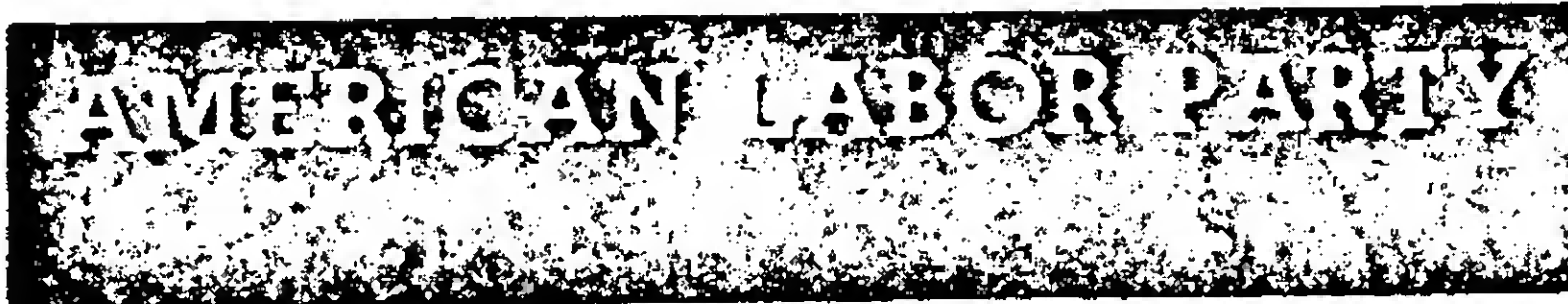
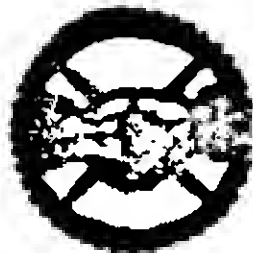
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# RESOLUTION DEMOUNCING VITO MARCANTONIO

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WHEREAS, Vito Marcantonio has demonstrated by word and by deed, in and out of Congress, his opposition to the basic principles and aims of the American Labor Party; and

WHEREAS, Marcantonio falsely parading as the American Labor Party representative in Congress, by his actions in opposing measures to aid national defense and to help Great Britain in its heroic stand against dictatorship, has created confusion in the public mind concerning the position of the American Labor Party on these questions and has tended to bring the Party into disrepute and disgrace; and

WHEREAS, Marcantonio although having been elected on the Republican and Labor Party tickets, represents neither party but rather does he speak and proclaim the Communist Party point of view; and

WHEREAS, these activities of Marcantonio who masquerades as an American laborite while slavishly adhering to the line of the Communist Party, have tended to harm and injure the American Labor Party in its organizational, legislative and political efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the American Labor Party at this City-Wide Conference here assembled in the Hotel Capitol on this 24th day of February, 1941, does hereby denounce, condemn, and specifically repudiate Vito Marcantonio, and does hereby publicly announce that the self-styled American Labor Party representative does not in any way speak or represent the views and opinions of the American Labor Party.





*Vito Marcantonio, president of the International Labor Defense*

# **WAR CONSCRIPTION CIVIL LIBERTIES**

**By Congressman  
VITO MARCANTONIO**

## UNLIMITED POWER FOR THE PRESIDENT

4. The President is empowered to use his judgment as to the number of men to be conscripted. Thus he is given unlimited power over the lives of millions of families. Treatment of married men is left to the judgment of the President and no part of the Bill protects them from service.

5. Once conscripted, a man has no choice of the branch of service to which he may be assigned. He can be sent to army, navy or COC "occupational groups" by arbitrary decision.

6. The bill provides \$30 a month pay, and makes no provision for the millions of families whose lives will be disrupted by the reduction in income. Loans, mortgages, debts, even starvation and urgent needs are ignored in the arbitrary wage.

## NAZI RULE OF FIRING SQUAD

7. Constitutional rights to fair trial would be eliminated for millions of citizens by the Bill, which calls for trial by court-martial for violations of the act. The Nazi rule of firing squad would be substituted for the American system of trial by jury.

8. The call to active training can be made by a proclamation of the President. No written notice to conscripts is required. Failure to appear can be tried in military courts as a military offense.

An amendment has been proposed to charge a fine of \$10,000 or a prison term of 5 years to any person who in speech or writing opposes conscription once the bill is passed. This provision would bring all the terror of Nazism to our land, allowing the round up and arrest of millions opposed to war.

## FALSE NATIONAL DEFENSE

All this in the name of a false national defense.

We destroy democracy under the guise of protecting it. How much of our freedom which we seek to defend will be left in America after the enactment of this bill. It seems to me that we cannot consistently speak of going to war to defend freedom if we must begin by destroying it with our own hands, and we do this here!

First, by setting up a twofold armament program and including in a military extravagance for war.

Second, we destroy the civil rights and freedom of the American people by the sweeping of war hysteria and ruthless suppression of all individuals and groups that have dared voice their voice against war.

Third, by segregating and fingerprinting three million five hundred thousand non-combatants.

## FIN INTO GESTAPO

Fourth, by converting our F.B.I. into a Gestapo, and

Fifth, by conscripting the Youth of our nation.

Armaments, conscription, war and dictatorship. That is the path along which those who sit in the seats of the mighty of our nation are leading us. The American people alone can stop it. The same spirit that guided us in 1776 and in 1860 is now awakening throughout the land. Millions of messages are pouring in on the Congress of the United States against this evil juggernaut propelling us into war and dictatorship.

This blotting against the peace and freedom of America must be stopped and it will be stopped.

People from all walks of life, labor, farm, youth, cooperative, fraternal, business, regardless of race, color or creed are uniting to defend America by keeping America out of war and by keeping America a free and democratic nation.

My fellow Americans, let us meet this crisis as we have met those of the past, with the firm resolve to exercise our democratic rights, so that these rights shall not perish from our land.

A speech delivered by Congressman Macdonald before the  
NAC National August 12, 1940.

## INTERNATIONAL LABOR DEFENSE

112 East 19th St.

New York City



# Marcantonio Bolt Costs GOP One House Seat

The Republicans of the House of Representatives had their recent election gains whittled down yesterday.

Representative Vito Marcantonio, of the Twentieth New York District, left them flat when he wrote a letter to South Trimble, Clerk of the House, avowing his ancient loyalties, and asking to be carried on the rolls as an credited to the American Labor party. He had been certified to the House by the Secretary of State of New York as a Republican.

With Marcantonio sitting all by himself as a one man party, the official count of the new House stands:

Democrats 247. Repub-  
licans 169. Progressives 2.  
Former Labor 1. American  
Labor 1.

The Democrats, by the of-  
ficial count, lost 71 seats to  
the Republicans. The Re-  
publicans took four seats  
from the former Labor party  
and five from the Progress-  
ives. There will be 117 new  
faces in the next House.

## MARCANTONIO IS DEFEATED

Loss Sent to Congress to J. J. La Guardia by 2,545 Votes.

Returns from the Twentieth Con-  
gressional District, which Mayor  
La Guardia represented in the  
House, showed yesterday that his  
opponent, Vito Marcantonio, had

been defeated for re-election.  
James J. La Guardia, a Demo-  
cratic, had a plurality of 2,545  
votes over Marcantonio, who was the  
Republican Representative from  
Greater New York, was arrested  
connection with a disturbance  
taking place in the primary  
and counter charges against  
Democratic campaign were  
made.

## Puerto Rican Speaks Marcantonio

WASHINGTON, May 29 (P. A. - Re-  
sults Martinez Nadal, President of  
the Puerto Rican Senate, said in an  
interview today that Representative  
Marcantonio had "no right to speak  
for Puerto Rico in the American  
Congress." Mr. Marcantonio, he  
said, "does not represent Puerto  
Rico. He represents only a bunch  
of Harlem nationalists and Com-  
munist from Puerto Rico in New  
York." Mr. Martinez has re-  
cently criticized Governor Ellington  
Winship of Puerto Rico.

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NY Times



# Marcantonio Strikes Oil

Rep. Vito Marcantonio (A.L.P., N.Y.) is being hailed in Mexico City as the man who will cut the Gordian knot of the oil expropriation controversy—all on account of a bill which (1) he is supposed to have introduced, (2) he did not introduce, (3) he never heard of before and (4) he now wishes to find thought of next.



A news dispatch purporting to be from New York dated 3-22-38.

Secretary in Monday's *Excelsior*, large Mexico City paper. It said that Rep. Marcantonio had offered legislation making mandatory U. S. Navy purchases of oil from the expropriated properties. Mexico would be paid operating costs and the balance would go to the U. S. and British companies which formerly owned the wells. Editorial comment indicated that the Mexican government was overjoyed.

The astonished Rep. Marcantonio today denied all knowledge of the bill. "But, say," he added, "that's a good idea."



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**Marcantonio**  
**'Ousted' by Party**

## ALP Right Wingers Bar Congressman

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (U.P.). The right-wing leadership of the American Labor Party declared today that Representative Vito Marcantonio had been "repealed and cast out" of the A. L. P.

At a city-wide meeting last night, according to State executive Director Eli L. Oliver, 400 A. L. P. delegates unanimously endorsed action taken two weeks ago by the State executive committee in affirming that Marcantonio was not an A. L. P. member.

Before the vote State Chairman Luigi Antonini asserted that Marcantonio was an "out-and-out Communist" and asserted:

"He commits an offense when he speaks in Congress in the name of the American Labor Party."

Antonini cited 30 individual offenses held as "services rendered," which he said proved Marcantonio was a Communist.

Members of the opposing faction protested the authority of last night's meeting. Samuel M. Blunkin, vice chairman of the New York county committee, asserted that scores of A. L. P. clubs had not been invited to send delegates.

Delegates at last night's meeting included Dean Alfange, Democratic for the Seventeenth district vacancy left by the death of Kenneth P. Simpson, Republican. The left-wing faction's candidate is Eugene P. Connelley.



# MARCANTONIO FACES TRIAL FOR ASSAULT

Indicted as Director on Democratic Poll Watcher

By the Associated Press.  
NEW YORK, October 24.—Alfred J. Marcantonio, director of directing an effort to a Democratic poll watcher, Representative Vito Marcantonio, Republican, of New York was indicted yesterday for assault in the second degree.  
The charge he said was "a Tammany attempt to ouster me in my campaign for re-election."  
Solomon Silver, the complainant, alleged Marcantonio locked three men, the indicted, to assault him Wednesday night.  
Silver said the attack followed a meeting at a polling place and Marcantonio had told a group of his followers: "Get that man out of here. Don't let him talk. No more."  
Marcantonio, saying he was not asked to appear before the grand jury, asserted the accusation was "a cheap political frame-up."  
I went into the polling place after I heard that some of my poll watchers had been beaten up by Tammany goons," he added. "One of my workers is now in the hospital, suffering from stab wounds."

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## WOULD BAR MARCANTONIO

Lanetta Suggests House Refuse Seat Because of Red Charges

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (U.P.).—Representative Lanetta, Democrat, of New York, who was defeated for re-election by Vito Marcantonio, has suggested in a letter sent to members of the House that they refuse to seat Mr. Marcantonio because of charges against him made before the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

The letter, addressed to Chairman Dies of the committee, was made public today by Mr. Lanetta.

The New Yorker said Mr. Marcantonio was elected as a Republican and American labor party candidate, but "now stands charged before your committee with being the head of a Communist front organization (International Labor Defense)."

"If the charge is true, and apparently it is, since he failed to avail himself of the opportunity to deny it under oath," Lanetta wrote Dies, "then he should not be seated, because as the head of such an organization he must of necessity believe in communism and the overthrow of our present form of government."

## Ex-Congressman Heads Chief Communist Subsidiary.

just been elected president of the chief Communist subsidiary in the United States, the International Labor Defense, American section of the Communist International. This occurred at the three-day national conference just concluded in Washington, D.C.

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The I.L.D. has adopted a new constitution entoring "the whole field of civil, democratic and individual rights," as well as legal defense of Reds. Anna Damon, national secretary of I.L.D. summed the new united front program up by saying that "Our whole organization will be adapted to working with new masses of people in all strata of the population, from voter's clubs to the Daughters of the American Revolution."

Vito Marcantonio, former Congressman from New York who, while in Congress, became a Communist frontman, has



# Marcantonio Wins Primaries Recount

A request to vote, cast in the James J. Lanatta, but said group ballots "showing clear irregularities of having been cast for me," were voided. There were more ballots than enrolled democratic voters, he added. Justice McLaughlin directed that the ballots be opened and checked in the Board of Elections office at 11 a. m. Monday after Mr. Marcantonio pays \$500 to the Board of Elections for the cost of the recount.

**REPRESENTATIVE VITO MARCANTONIO** will...  
Josephine Moran—the 18-year-old mother of a 4-year-old child who was arrested Saturday as a result of a 1948 holdup. Marcantonio, who is a Chicago Democrat, is being held in custody in connection with her predicament... James Perkins, head of the National City Bank, is ill and may not return to his job... Stephen Patrick, the owner of the... had his car impounded for nonpayment of a \$500... Richard Knight, the... who was... of the Metropolitan Opera Monday night, was... earlier in the evening.

Former Congressman in Use  
His Experience in Congress  
by Starting the Fed I.L.D.  
Office in Washington.

...is a member of Congress to advance the cause of Communism in the United States.

Vito Marcantonio, formerly a Congressman from New York but now president of the Communist legal defense organization, the International Labor Defense, is going to use his experience...

Marcantonio has announced that he is opening an I.L.D. office in Washington to promote a local, state and national legislative drive for "civil rights" legislation. This, of course, means that Marcantonio is going to use his influence and knowledge gained as a Congressman for the promotion of legislation that will reduce the legal hazards for Communist agents and give them the "legal" right to promote revolution without fear of arrest or interference.

"From the military point of view the United States must be considered as an insular nation. We are separated from potential enemies on the east and west by broad and deep oceans. On our northern and southern borders are nations which have been friendly heretofore. Across these land frontiers could come no armies of sufficient strength to menace our security. Our situation is not similar to that of the British at the present time. Prior to the advent of air power the British Isles were insular countries. This complete insularity is now compromised in the military sense in that they are subject to damaging attack by aircraft based on the continent.

"The armies of Europe and Asia do not menace us. To be a menace they must be transported across the sea in ships. Airplanes on the continents of Europe and Asia do not menace us. To threaten seriously our continental security they must be conveyed across the sea and operated from bases in or near this hemisphere.

"The armed forces of no foreign nation or group of nations can seriously threaten our continental security if we make sure that we command the seas which separate us from all potential enemies."

This statement was not made by those of us who are now opposing conscription. It is found on page 2 of a report issued by the Committee on Naval Affairs of the Senate of the United States on May 15, 1940. This report was the unanimous opinion of the members of the Senate Committee which has made a thorough study of the problem of defense against invasion. Despite the fact that the press and others in authority have been fit to keep the contents of this report from the American people, no one has yet even attempted to refute the conclusions contained therein. Hence the cynical argument advanced by the proponents of the Burke Wadsworth Bill to the effect that we are in danger of successful invasion is not founded in fact, but is a literal descendant of the war hysteria preparedness propaganda of 1916 and 1917.

A careful analysis of the events which have taken place since the President of the United States launched the defense of the general welfare of the country for a war armament program demonstrates conclusively that armaments and conscription are not being undertaken for defensive purposes but constitute preparedness for active participation in an unprovoked war from which the American people have nothing to gain and all to lose.

## ARMAMENTS MEAN WAR

You cannot keep out of war when you become a military reservoir for one side of the belligerents as against the other.

You cannot keep out of war with a war armament budget which will amount to \$19,000,000,000 in less than two years.

You cannot keep out of war by forcing the youth of America into a Europeanized military machine.

The President of the United States is himself an authority for these contentions. During the winter of 1936 at Buenos Aires, the President stated that out of his wide experience and historical study, nations which spend heavily on armaments "inevitably face the day when their weapons of destruction must be used against their neighbors, or when an unsound economy like a house of cards will fall apart."

The President himself, on May 16th, informed us that we had the biggest and best Navy in the world.

Hence the conclusion is inescapable. The program is armaments, not for defense, but for war; conscription, not for defense, but for war.

The similarity between 1916 and the war preparedness of today is so great that it is shocking and alarming, except that in 1916, no one dared even to suggest conscription.

## WHY CONSCRIPTION?

We are preparing, not for a war in behalf of the American people and their interests, we are not preparing for a war in defense of men and women in the W.P.A. we are not preparing for a war in defense of the men and women in the docks and factories, we are not preparing for a war in defense of the interests of the men on the farm, we are not preparing for a war in defense of the men in the mines and in the mills, but we are preparing for a war to protect the stake of the American dollar in the British pound, and for a possible extension of our imperialism in South and in Central America.

Such a war is not a war of the American people.

Since such a war is not a war of the American people, it is only natural that the American people are overwhelmingly opposed to such a war. Therefore, it has become necessary by those who are conspiring to catapult America into war to destroy the Civil Rights and Liberties of the American people and to substitute Nazi systems for American Institutions. It is precisely because you are opposed to such a war that the war conspirators find it necessary to conscript, to ~~drag~~, to forcibly take from the home your son, place him in a camp, militarize him, regiment him, knock out of his system every democratic concept which he had learned since childhood and then send him to war.

## THE BURKE-WADSWORTH BILL

This and this alone is the scheme of things behind the Burke Wadsworth Conscription Bill now pending before the Senate of the United States. The Burke Wadsworth Bill now provides for the following:

1. Compulsory registration of all males between the ages of 21 and 31.

This feature, passed over lightly by the press, is the heart of the Bill. It would, by requiring all registered persons to carry passports, set up a vast system of Nazi-like control over the lives of the millions of men and their families. It would wipe out at one blow the American way of life for which our forefathers fought.

2. Compulsory military training for a period of 12 months, to be extended indefinitely if the emergency exists.

The young men of America, once registered lose their right to direct their own future. They could be transferred to the army or navy without their consent for compulsory service up to 10 years. The Bill is drafted so that their registered name be sent to the battlefield for war, at any moment.

3. Contrary to press reports, the Bill contains no conscientious and refusing provisions which requires an employer to re-hire a man after the training period is up. If the Bill were to pass, thousands of men would lose their means of support, with no right to return to work afterwards.



NEW YORK

January 19, 1943

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CONGRESSMAN VITO MARC ANTONIO

Probably one of the fiercest fights among the Democrats is being carried on in Washington at the present time. Southern Democrats hate the guts of this Communist but he made a deal with the northern Democrat and voted with them and the Administration demands that he be put on some important committee as this is his fourth term in Congress.

This Communist, who was formerly secretary for Mayor La Guardia and later on his law partner, maintains a secret apartment in New York on 16th Street for his mistress and used this apartment as a meeting place for special Communist gatherings. SE

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Mayor La Guardia has been in Washington forcing the issue and demanding that Marc Antonio get his just dues. If it was up to the Democrats of the South his just dues would be a good kick in the pants.

The real inside story is that La Guardia is trying to arrange a setup so that Vito could become a candidate for Mayor of New York City. Vito has the backing of the left-wing of the American labor party and anything could happen in this cockeyed New York City during the war period.

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**United States Department of Justice**  
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Director, FBI

Re: VITO MARCANTONIO  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find two photostatic copies of the testimony of Congressman Vito Marcantonio before the Individual Exclusion Order Hearing Board, Second Service Command. He appeared as a witness before the board in behalf of one, ARMANDO CENNARAZZO, who was being considered by the board for exclusion from the Eastern Military Area.

It is noted that Marcantonio was questioned in detail regarding his attitude toward American Aid to the Allies and his change of attitude after Russia entered the war. This testimony was all under oath and is being submitted for the Bureau's information and interest.

Very truly yours,

*E. E. Conroy*  
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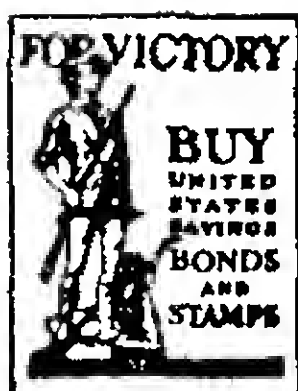
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